

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action electronically sent March 13, 2007. Claims 1-30 were pending in this application. For at least the reasons discussed below, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication that Claims 13-22 are allowed and that Claims 3, 8-12 and 25 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, Applicants have amended independent Claims 1 and 23 to include the limitations of allowable Claims 3 and 25 (and intervening Claims 2 and 24), respectively.

Section 102 Rejections

The Examiner rejects Claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 23, 24, 26, 27, 29 and 30 under U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,895,184 B2 issued to Way ("Way"). To expedite allowance of this application, independent Claims 1 and 23 have been amended to include the limitations of allowable Claims 3 and 25, respectively, which the Examiner has indicated include allowable subject matter. Therefore, Applicants believe Claims 1 and 23, as well as the rejected claims that depend from these independent claims, are in condition for allowance. Favorable action is thus respectfully requested.

Section 103 Rejections

The Examiner rejects Claims 5 and 28 under U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable by *Way*. Claims 5 and 28 depend from allowable Claims 1 and 23, respectively. Therefore, these claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable action is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

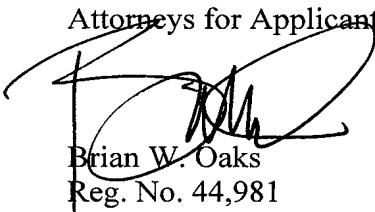
Applicants have made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully request full allowance of all the pending claims.

If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would advance prosecution of this Application in any manner, the Examiner is invited to contact Brian W. Oaks, Attorney for Applicants, at the Examiner's convenience at (214) 953-6986.

Although Applicants believe no fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

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